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SPONSORSHIP TO SPORTS PERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides complete sponsorship to the sports persons who can finally be trained for international events;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYAT RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) : The Government is making multi-pronged efforts to improve the performance level of Indian sportspersons at international level. The efforts of National Sports Federations (NSFs) for the development of various sports disciplines and excellence therein are being significantly supplemented by Government through the `Scheme of Financial Assistance to National Sports Federations` for organizing national and international tournaments in India; participation of Indian teams in tournaments and events abroad; provision of coaching through Indian and foreign coaches; backed-up with requisite technical support; procurement of equipment, etc. Meritorious sportspersons are also being assisted directly by the Ministry for the purchase of equipment, the provision of scientific support and training and participation within the country and abroad, under the `Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training` and through the `National Sports Development Fund`.

In addition, action is being taken under various schemes of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) to establish state-of-the-art training infrastructure and facilities in different parts of the country, as also for spotting and nurturing sports talent in their Centres spread across the country, including in areas with special potential for different identified sports disciplines.

With a view to broad-basing sports and creating avenues to provide access to organized sports and games facilities for vast sections of youth, particularly in the rural areas, both as an essential ingredient of youth development and for significantly expanding the catchment for spotting talent, the Ministry is also at an advanced stage of promoting a Scheme titled `Panchayat Yuva Khel avam Krida Abhiyan` (PYKKA).